Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)* :
The main essence of Basic Education is Crafts Centre. The new Code provides for the introduction of Crafts in all its stages. Detailed scheme is under preparation.

Question No. 27 standing in the name of Mrs. Dakshayani Velayudhan was put by Mrs. K. M. R. Menon with the permission of the President.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Detailed scheme for what please ?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: A detailed scheme is being prepared.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is it to introduce basic education in the State or is it to implement the proposals of the Code Revision Committee ?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)* : The latter.

PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE AT NEW DELHI

28. **Mr. M. K. Raja** *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) who represented this Government at the conference on Public Health recently convened by the Government of India at New Delhi ;

(b) what were the main decisions of the conference;

(c) to what extent this Government has committed itself with reference to the recommendations of the conference?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)* :

(a) The Minister for Public Health.

(b) A copy of the proceedings is awaited.

(c) This Government have not made any commitment as yet.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: In answer to a question put yesterday by my friend Mr. Krishnan Ezhuthassan, it was stated by the Hon'ble Minister for Public Health that conference proceeded on the basis of the recommendations of the Bhore Committee. May I know whether any decisions have been taken and if so, whether we can have an idea of the same ?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)*: There was an agenda and after discussion these resolutions were modified according to the views expressed by the various representatives. It is not now possible to give a definite idea of the resolutions passed. For the Conference no doubt we received an agenda of the business to be transacted. But after discussion those resolutions were modified according to the suggestions made by the several representatives and we are awaiting a copy of the proceedings.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know, how many Indian States were represented in the Conference ?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)*: Six.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry)*: What were all the matters represented in the Delhi Conference ?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)*: Matters relating to Public Health as contained in the Report of the Bhore Committee in three big volumes.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry)*: Can the Hon'ble Minister for Public Health give a brief idea of what transpired in the conference ?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)* : The agenda contained these things.—

1. Grants to Provinces for development and the administrative procedure for dealing with the development plans.
2. Objectives.
3. The District Health Organisation proposed by the Health Survey and Development Committee.
4. District Health Organisations—District Health Boards and Councils and provincialisation of District Health services.
5. The provision of facilities for the training of medical and other personnel.
6. Central and Provincial Boards of Health and Health Councils.
7. The amalgamation of the medical and Public Health Departments.
8. Water supply and sanitation.
9. Establishment of anti-malaria organisations.
10. The policy in regard to quinine and other anti-malaria drugs.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* One item of business in the agenda is the contribution to Provinces. Was there anything about States?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* Absolutely nothing.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether among the matters discussed, the question of medical education was raised as a specific issue?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* The main theme of the Bhore Committee report is for combining the two systems of treatment the curative as well as the preventive sides in one and the same individual. A new training is required for that. The various members present in the Conference have come to a tentative arrangement and that is the co-ordination of these two Departments and having one Departmental Head for these two things together wherever possible. With that proviso, that resolution was accepted.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* We have seen that it is not impossible.

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* It is not impossible; but at the same time it may not be possible also. For instance, our neighbouring Province of Madras definitely opposed it.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* May I know, the nature of the conclusions arrived at at the Delhi Conference?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* There were several matters discussed; but certain of them were not matters affecting us. Several decisions were arrived at regarding the future policy of the curative and preventive aspects of treatment.

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Mr. K. Balakrisha Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Are we to understand that this Government has not so far taken any decision on the recommendations of the Bhore Committee?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* The recommendations of the Bhore Committee are a long term policy. But in the Post-war Reconstruction scheme even before this conference I understand that we have decided to open three or four primary units as contemplated in the Bhore Committee Report. That is only a tentative proposal.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Are we to understand that the conference was only an exploratory one?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* It was not exploratory. In fact, recommendations were put as Resolutions before the Conference. But the Resolutions were modified to suit the convenience of almost all Provinces, and that is after hearing the various shades of opinion. Various aspects were discussed, several defences were put forward by the Members of the Conference and the Resolutions as originally put in the agenda were accordingly modified. We are awaiting receipt of a copy of the proceedings of the Conference.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* What were the conclusions arrived at at the Conference?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Healrh):* One is that the recommendations of the Bhore Committee Report on the various aspects of Public Health matters with suitable modifications may be adopted wherever and whenever possible.

CHELLANAM-PANDIKUDI ROAD

29. Mr. P. T. Jacob *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

why is it that the Chellanam-Pandikkudi Road acquisition work is not begun even after repeated promises by the Government and allotment of finance by the Road Board for several years and the inclusion of the same in the Post-war Development Work?

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works):*

Survey of the road and preparation of land acquisition papers have just been completed. Before acquisition is actually started it is necessary to have a complete idea about the financial commitment of the entire scheme.

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